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Jane E. Henney, Commissioner
US Food and Drug Administration
Parklawn, Building, Rm. 14-71
5600 Fishers Lane
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

As a member of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a concerned consumer, and a concerned mother of two children, I urge you to save human lives by banning the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed. Adding antibiotics to feed in order to promote growth can make bacteria resistant to those antibiotics. That can leave physicians with no way to treat life-threatening bacterial infections in humans.

My son, who is now thirteen years old, had several bacterial infections which were resistant to the usual antibiotic, and he had to take a newer, much stronger antibiotic to clear up the infection. I also had a close friend who had to be put on an experimental antibiotic because no other antibiotic would cure her pneumonia, and she almost died. Soon, there will be infections which cannot be cured by any antibiotic, and men, women, infants, and children may die.

I support the petition filed by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), and I hope that you will listen to them and me and ban the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed so that people don't have to die.

Very truly yours,

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